

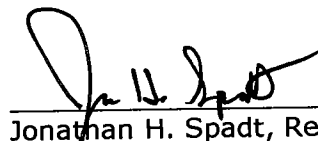
**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicants note that claims 1, 4, 22 and 24-30 have been allowed. Claims 31-50 have been withdrawn. Claim 23 has been objected to and rejected as it purportedly does not further limit the claim from which it depends. Applicants traverse this rejection.

Claim 23, as correctly noted in the Office Action dated February 4, 2009, recites that the "filter comprises graphitizable carbon produced from 5-15 wt% graphitizable carbon precursor . . . ." Claim 1, from which claim 23 depends, recites that "the graphitizable carbon is produced from graphitizable carbon precursor present in an amount from 2% to 15% by weight." The range of 5-15 wt% is narrower than the range of 2-15 wt%. Withdrawal of both the rejection and objection to claim 23 is therefore requested. As claim 1 is allowed, so too is claim 23 allowable.

Early and favorable notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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